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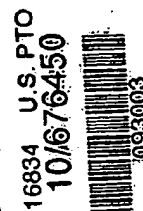
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## NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For (title): FADE-RESISTANT FORWARD ERROR CORRECTION METHOD  
FOR FREE-SPACE OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

## 1. Type of Application

- ☒ This new application is for an original patent.
- ☐ This new application is a:
- ☐ Division
  - ☐ Continuation
  - ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

## 2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 USC 120)

- ☐ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s) listed below:

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3. ☒ Benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional application(s) listed below: 60/478,577 June 13, 2003

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## 4. Papers enclosed which are required for filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

27 Pages of specification8 Pages of claims1 Pages of abstract8 Sheets of drawings☒ formal

## 5. Additional papers enclosed

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449